Expenditure norms for Central Universities

199. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether funds provided out of the Exchequer to Central Universities are stipulated to be spent exclusively for academics related activities and purposes;

(b) if not, the details of the other purposes on which the same can also be spent, broadly;

(c) whether Central Universities are also mandated to incur cost related to providing legal assistance to students accused by the State for crimes under Cr. P.C./IPC;

(d) if so, the salient details of the mandate, indicating the details of the authorities at University/Government levels, empowered to grant approval for such expenses; and

(e) the details of instances of Central Universities which incurred such expenses in the past?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) Funds are provided to Central Universities for 'Plan' and 'Non-Plan' activities separately. While 'Plan funds' are earmarked for creating infrastructure, 'Non-Plan' funds are meant for meeting the expenditure on salaries, retirement benefits and non-salary expenses like maintenance, repairs, teaching aids, laboratory consumables etc. In addition, Central Universities also generate internal resources by way of tuition fee etc.

(c) and (d) Central Universities are empowered under their respective Acts/Statutes/ Ordinances to incur expenditure on all budgeted activities including on Students' Welfare as approved by their competent statutory bodies.

(e) According to the information furnished by Jamia Millia Islamia, some students, who had been charged under certain Sections of Cr.P.C., I.P.C. and Prevention of Damage of Public Property Act in the year 2000, were provided legal assistance on behalf of the University from Students' Welfare Fund, following approval in this behalf accorded by the then Vice Chancellor of the University. Pursuant to an application moved by the State, the relevant cases were withdrawn and the students involved were discharged *vide* judgment dated 1st December, 2000 of the competent Court.

New Indian Institutes of Technology

200. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether several new Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) have been started, commencing from the current academic session;

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the status of their venues, the number of students under general and reserved categories admitted *vis-a-vis* seats offered and faculties recruited in each and the courses offered in respective IITs;